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In Re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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DEVICE AND METHOD")	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of October 12, 2007. This paper is submitted concurrently with a Request for a one month Extension of Time to extend the time period for reply from January 12, 2008 to February 12, 2008, together with payment of the associated fee, is submitted herewith. Additionally, submitted concurrently with the paper is a payment in the amount of \$105.00 for the fee associated with one additional independent claim in excess of three, and a payment in the amount \$250.00 for the fee associated with ten additional total claims in excess of twenty. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.